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such 1st Monday, for the purpose of hunting deer with bow and arrow only.'

Sec. 2. P. L., 1953, c. 172, § 1, repealed; limitation. Section 1 of chapter 172 of the public laws of 1953 heretofore passed by this legislature repealing and replacing section 96-A of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed and shall not be printed as part of the session laws of 1953.

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 384

AN ACT Declaring All Court Papers, Books and Records Pertaining to Adoption Confidential and Providing for Release Thereof.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 145, § 37-A, additional. Chapter 145 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 37-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 37-A. Adoption records made confidential. All probate court records relating to any adoption decreed on or after the effective date of this act are declared to be confidential. The probate courts shall keep the records of such adoptions segregated from all other court records. Such adoption records may be examined only upon authorization by the judge of the probate court. In any case where it is considered proper that such examination be authorized, the judge may in lieu of such examination, or in addition thereto, grant authority to the register of probate to disclose any information contained in such records by letter, certificate or copy of the record.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 385

AN ACT Relating to Certain Tax Exemptions for Amputee Veterans.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Public Law 663, 79th Congress, as amended, and Public Law 187, 82nd Congress, as amended, authorizes the

Veterans Administration to aid in supplying automobiles to certain amputee veterans of World War II and the Korean Campaign; and

Whereas, automobiles have been supplied under said laws to amputee veterans of Maine, who now must, under existing legislation, assume the personal expense of paying the sales tax on said automobiles before they may enjoy the use of them; and

Whereas, the people of Maine recognize the fact that all they own and all the privileges which they continue to enjoy, they owe to those who have defended them on the field of battle, and that these amputee veterans should not, by state law, be put to any expense in enjoying such automobiles; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 38, amended. The last paragraph of section 38 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 87 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Provided, however, that no amputee veteran who has been the recipient of an automobile from the United States government under authority of P. L. 663, 79th Congress, as amended, or P. L. 187, 82nd Congress, as amended, or any amputee veteran receiving compensation from the Veterans Administration for service connected disability who shall have a specially designed motor vehicle, ~~and who is otherwise qualified to operate a motor vehicle in this state~~ shall be required to pay the annual excise tax or be otherwise in any way taxed for any one such automobile so owned by him.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 19, § 13, amended. The next to last paragraph of section 13 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 65 of the public laws of 1949 and amended by section 1 of chapter 235 of the public laws of 1951, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Provided, however, that on application to the secretary of state for registration of any motor vehicle of any amputee veteran who has been the recipient of an automobile from the United States government under authority of P. L. 663, 79th Congress, as amended, or P. L. 187, 82nd Congress, as amended, or of any amputee veteran receiving compensation from the Veterans Administration for service connected disability who shall have a specially designed motor vehicle, ~~and who is otherwise qualified to operate~~

~~a motor vehicle in this state~~ such veteran shall be entitled to have said automobile duly registered and a registration certificate delivered to him without the requirement of the payment of any fee.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 19, § 48, amended. The next to last paragraph of section 48 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 79 of the public laws of 1949 and amended by section 20 of chapter 235 of the public laws of 1951, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Provided, however, that on application to the secretary of state, of any amputee veteran who has been the recipient of an automobile from the United States government under authority of P. L. 663, 79th congress, as amended, or P. L. 187, 82nd congress, as amended, or any amputee veteran receiving compensation from the Veterans Administration for service connected disability who shall have a specially designed motor vehicle, and who is otherwise qualified to operate a motor vehicle in this state, such veteran shall receive a license to operate such automobile without the requirement of the payment of any fee.'

Sec. 3-A. R. S., c. 14-A, § 10, sub-§ XIV, additional. Section 10 of chapter 14-A of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 250 of the public laws of 1951, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be numbered XIV, to read as follows:

'XIV. Automobiles to amputee veterans. Sales of automobiles to veterans who are granted free registration of such vehicles by the secretary of state under the provisions of section 13 of chapter 19. Certificates of exemption or refunds of tax paid shall be granted under such rules or regulations as the assessor may prescribe.'

Director's note: Reallocated to be subsection XV.

Sec. 4. Effective date; refunds. The provisions of this act shall be retroactive to October 20, 1951. The state tax assessor is authorized to make such sales tax refunds as may be appropriate to give effect to the provisions of this act.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.